

24. (Amended) A loudspeaker according to [any one of claims 1 to 6, 14, 22 or 23] claim 1 or claim 5, wherein the vibration exciting system comprises an element rigidly coupled to and projecting away from the panel-form member, and an exciter which induces [means to induce] bending moments in the element.

Claim 27, line 1, delete "claim 24 or".

Claim 28, line 4, delete "he" and substitute therefor --the--.

Claim 31, line 1, delete "any one of claims 28 to 30" and substitute therefor --claim 28--.

Please add the following claim.

--33. (New) A loudspeaker according to claim 1, wherein the vibration exciter is coupled to the panel-form member to span a plurality of nodal lines in the panel-form member.--

#### REMARKS

The above amendments to the specification merely clarify the reference to a publication. The amendments to the claims eliminate improper multiple dependencies, eliminate an unnecessary recitation of "means" (claim 24) and replace the phrase "characterized in that" with the more conventional term "wherein." New claim 33 (which depends from claim 1) restores the limitations of claim 4, which formerly depended from claim 1. No new matter is introduced by these amendments.

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